

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2009
7:00 PM

Those Present: Adolf Bahlkow, Doc Fitzgerald, Ellen Given, Jim Hill, Jim Hodder, Lyn MacLean, Liz Radoski

The minutes of September were accepted as typed. The financial report was given with information that the cup plate bill will soon arrive and we just have enough in the Hosmer Fund to pay for them.

Events – On Sunday, 25 October 09 the Hosmer House has been rented for a baby shower. Liz reported that all ten rooms had been assigned to be decorated for the Holiday Open House. The trees have to be brought up from the cellar early this year and Liz will be contacting everyone for a time on one of the next three Sundays to come help. Jim Hodder supplied all the ribbons for the wreaths and the ribbon to go on the furniture. Barbara Bahlkow will supply gingerbread cookies for sale as she has done in past years.

Storeroom & Parlor – Jim Hill reported that the storeroom painting will be completed by this Friday and the lighting will also be installed. The back hall door will be painted and the window in the parlor will be repaired. The parlor will be painted during the last week of October. At 1 o'clock on Friday it is planned to move the furniture back into the storeroom. Members that can help will get the assistance of the Building Department. The granite stone for the steps needs to be cut and the mason will be starting the hall outside steps this next week and the shed stairs in January. Ellen mulched the rose bed and it was suggested the rose bushes need to be cut back.

Loring Renovations - The attic insulation will be fiber glass and will be installed this next week. The DPW have put in the walk to the front door and a nice granite step has been installed. Liz and Lyn attended a meeting of the Historic District to inform them of the handicapped ramp and the landscaping which will take place in the spring. The decision to paint the doors a darker blue was made. The SHD requested that the electrical box be moved from the front of the house and Liz is working with Art Richard to see if that can be accomplished.

Old Homes Survey – Doc made a motion to accept the bid received from Gretchen Schuler in the amount of \$8, 450.00 to complete the third phase of the documentation. The motion received unanimous approval from the Commission. Lyn will inform Elaine Jones to proceed with the contract as Gretchen was the lowest bidder.

Cemeteries – Work is being done on Mt. Pleasant and New Town and is planned to be completed before the beginning of the New Year. There will be enough money to repair the one broken stone that needs stainless steel posts. A quote was given of \$350 and Elaine will confirm this before work begins. Work in the spring will start the third phase of the Revolutionary Cemetery. The first stone to be repaired is Abbie Cutting which is in the cellar of the Hosmer House as it was severely damaged. Kai has finished his work and documented each stone that he repaired in the Rev. Cemetery and has been paid.

Hearse House – Jim Hill will again ask Bud Harwarth if he will make the area around the house neat and place the unused boards inside. The stone foundation has been completed. The doors and windows are planned to be installed before winter. Hinges are being made to be a replica of those used on the original doors. Jim Hill is trying hard to get an appraisal of the old building so the donors can get the paperwork they need. He has already met with Town Counsel and will try to get this done soon.

Haynes Garrison Site – Lyn spoke with Rusty Bent regarding clearing up the brush and two tree stumps at the left side of the site on Water Row. Rusty plans to take care of it this month. The dead oak tree in front of the split rail fence he will take down this winter.

CPC FY10 - A place marker has been put in for CPC funds to build a fire proof vault in the Hosmer House cellar. Jim Hill has met with Mike Melnick of the PBC to discuss what is needed to protect the paintings and documents belonging to the SHC. The Town Clerk is having a meeting at 11:30 AM on Thursday, 28 October 09 with a firm that is in this business. Doc will try to attend and take notes and speak to Rosemary Harvell to see if any of the information can be used for our project.

Letters – Adolf and Lyn met with Helen Casey and Lee Regal to go over all the letters, diaries, note books and documents that belonged to Florence Hosmer. As Helen has read most of the letters, Lee will put them in to chronological order and cross reference to other members of the family.

Paintings – Adolf and Lyn will meet in January to update the inventory. Mr. Cooperman of Vermont has given us photos of several paintings which he and the Grafton Vermont Historical Society owns and our numbers have been assigned to them. Adolf will meet with Lee Swanson so he can take pictures of those paintings which the Society owns.

Budget – Lyn gave everyone a copy of the proposed budget for FY-11 and asked for input before the final copy is submitted to the town Treasurer this coming Friday. Costs were discussed and cuts were proposed in order to level fund this request.

Town Report – Lyn prepared a rough draft and gave everyone a copy so they could include their inputs. Lyn will submit the final copy along with a photograph which was suggested to be of our booth at the Minuteman Fair.

House Signs – Doc completed two requests for signs to go on Sudbury homes, one for 22 King Philip Road and the other for 277 Concord Road. Adolf will call Bob Leonard to get a price on a small “Private Party” sign and larger “No Parking” sign.

SHD Meeting – The Commission would like to plan a meeting with the District for sometime in January. Topics to be discussed: Signage, GIS Mapping, budgeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM
Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean,
Chairman/Secretary

CC: Town Manager, Jody Kablack, Elaine Jones, Jim Kelly, Art Richard, Bill Place, Rosemary Harvell, Mark Thompson , Scott Taylor